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SUBJECT: GAO REQUEST ON US EMPLOYEES IN WHO

REF: STATE 292959

1. MISSION DOES NOT UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT REFERENCE IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL THAT THE GAO TEAM HAS BEEN AWAITING INFORMATION ON US EMPLOYEES IN WHO SINCE THE TEAM LEFT THE MISSION IN OCTOBER. FIRST, THE INFORMATION WAS NOT REQUESTED BY THE GAO TEAM UNTIL AFTER THEY LEFT GENEVA. THE TEAM TELEPHONED FROM FRANKFURT FOR THIS INFORMATION ON OCTOBER 19. SECOND, THE INFORMATION WAS IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED FROM WHO AND OBTAINED ON OCTOBER 22. THIRD, THE INFORMATION WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE GAO TEAM IN MISSION TELCON WITH FRANKFURT ON OCTOBER 22 AND FORWARDED THAT DAY IN WIRTING TO MR. NEAL CURTIN, GAO, ROOM 4130, 441 G ST NW, WASHINGTON, AT MR. CURTIN'S SUGGESTION.

2. INFORMATION FORWARDED WAS 1) TABLE OF "DISTRIBUTION OF US NATIONAL STAFF MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1976", 2) WHO STAFFING REPORT AND 3) WHO GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF, BOTH AS OF SEPTEMBER 1976, WITH MISSION COVERING LETTER.

3. IN PLACE OF REFTEL TERMS "FIELD EXPERTS" AND "FIELD UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICERS", WHO PREFERS FOLLOWING TERMINOLOGY: 1) HEAD-

QUARTERS (AND INTERREGIONAL) STAFF, 2) REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF AND 3) PROJECT STAFF (FIELD PERSONNEL WORKING OUTSIDE REGIONAL OFFICES). PROJECT STAFF ARE SINTLES OR TEAMS ASSISTING GOVERNMENTS ON WHO COUNTRY PROJECTS. THUS WHO DOES MAKE A FUNCTIONAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN PROJECT STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF. REGIONAL STAFF HAVE OVERALL WHO SUPERVISORY FUNCTIONS THAT PROJECT STAFF DO NOT HAVE. REGIONAL STAFF ARE MORE STABLE IN THE CONTRACTUAL SENSE; THAT IS, THEY REMAIN LONGER IN WHO. ALTHOUGH BOTH PROJECT AND REGIONAL STAFF MAY HAVE IDENTICAL TWO-YEAR CONTRACTS, PROJECT STAFF UPON FINISHING THEIR ASSIGNMENTS WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED. AS TO LOCATION OF ASSIGNMENT, PROJECT STAFF GO TO THE COUNTRIES REQUIRING THEIR EXPERTISE, REGIONAL STAFF ARE MORE LIMITED TO REGIONAL OFFICE ASSIGNMENTS (BUT CAN TAKE ON PROJECT STAFF ASSIGNMENTS AS PART OF AN "INTERCHANGEABLE" WHO POLICY).

4. AS OF OCTOBER 1976, US PERSONNEL IN WHO ARE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

	PROFESSIONAL	GS-LEVEL	
HEADQUARTERS	64	5	
REGIONAL OFFICE(ASTERIK)	24	21	
PROJECT STAFF (FIELD)	120	6	
TOTALS	208(ASTERIK)	32	

(ASTERIK) PLUS 5 US PROFESSIONALS IN THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER, LYON, FRANCE, FOR TOTAL 213. OVERALL TOTAL OF US STAFF IN WHO WORLDWIDE, EXCLUDING PAHO, IS 245 (213 PROFESSIONALS, 32 GS-LEVEL). CATTO

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